

Amendments to the Specification

Page 1, after the title of the invention, insert the following:

This application is the National Stage Application of PCT/JP2003/010116, filed August 8, 2003.

Page 17, please replace the paragraph spanning lines 9-22 with the following rewritten paragraph:

More specific examples of compounds represented by the formula (2) are dimethyl ditelluride, diethyl ditelluride, di-n-propyl ditelluride, diisopropyl ditelluride, dicyclopropyl ditelluride, di-n-butyl ditelluride, di-sec-butyl ditelluride, di-tert-butyl telluride ditelluride, dicyclobutyl-telluride ditelluride, diphenyl ditelluride, bis(p-methoxyphenyl) ditelluride, bis(p-aminophenyl) ditelluride, bis(p-nitrophenyl) ditelluride, bis(p-cyanophenyl) ditelluride, bis(p-sulfonylphenyl) ditelluride, dinaphthyl ditelluride, dipyridyl ditelluride, etc. Preferable among these are dimethyl ditelluride, diethyl ditelluride, di-n-propyl ditelluride, di-n-butyl ditelluride and diphenyl ditelluride. More preferable are dimethyl ditelluride, diethyl ditelluride, di-n-propyl ditelluride and di-n-butyl ditelluride.

Page 31, please replace the paragraph spanning line 16 through page 32, line 1, with the following rewritten paragraph:

A 25.8 mg quantity (0.10 mmole) of the ethyl-2-methyl-2-methyltellanyl-propionate prepared in Preparation Example 2, 1.14 g (10 mmoles) of ethyl methacrylate (stabilized with HQ) and a solution of 28.5 mg (0.10 mmole) of the dimethyl ditelluride prepared in Preparation Example 3 were stirred at 105°C for 2 hours within a glove box having its inside air replaced by nitrogen. After the completion of the reaction, the reaction mixture was dissolved in 5 ml of chloroform, and the solution was thereafter poured into 250 ml of hexane being stirred. The resulting polymer precipitate was collected by suction filtration and dried, affording 1.11 g (yield 97%) of ~~poly(methyl methacrylate)~~ poly(ethylmethacrylate).

Page 32, please replace the paragraph spanning line 23 through page 33, line 8 with the following rewritten paragraph:

A 24.8 mg quantity (0.10 mmole) of the (1-methyltellanyl-ethyl)benzene prepared in Preparation Example 1, 1.04 g (10 mmoles) of styrene and a solution of 28.5 mg (0.10 mmole) of the dimethyl ditelluride prepared in Preparation Example 3 were stirred at 120°C for ~~1.4~~ 14 hours within a glove box having its inside air replaced by nitrogen. After the completion of the reaction, the reaction mixture was dissolved in 5 ml of chloroform, and the solution was thereafter poured into 250 ml of hexane being stirred. The resulting polymer precipitate was collected by suction filtration and dried, affording 1.01 g (yield 97%) of polystyrene.

Page 41, please replace the paragraph spanning lines 7-10 with the following rewritten paragraph:

The product was found to be ~~di-n-ditelluride~~ di-n-butyl ditelluride by ¹H-NMR. ¹H-NMR (300MHz, CDCl₃) 0.93(t, J=7.3Hz, 3H), 1.39(m, 2H), 1.71(m, 2H), 3.11(t, J=7.6, 2H, CH₂Te)

Example 11

Page 58, please replace the paragraph spanning line 13 through page 59, line 2 with the following rewritten paragraph:

A 1.04 g quantity (10 mmoles) of styrene, 24.8 mg (0.10 mmole) of the (1-methyltellanyl-ethyl)benzene prepared in Preparation Example 1 were reacted at 100°C for 20 hours in a glove box having its inside air replaced by nitrogen. Subsequently, 1.01 g (10 mmoles) of methyl methacrylate and 28.5 mg (0.10 mmole) of the dimethyl ditelluride prepared in Preparation Example 3 were added to the reaction mixture and reacted therewith at 80°C for 16 hours (M_n 12700, PD=1.30). Then added to the reaction mixture were 3.85 g (30 mmoles) of tert-butyl acrylate and 3 ml of trifluoromethylbenzene, and the mixture was reacted at 100°C for 24 hours. After the completion of the reaction, the reaction mixture was dissolved in 5 ml of chloroform, and the solution was thereafter poured into 300 ml of hexane being stirred. The resulting

polymer precipitate was collected by suction filtration and dried, affording a poly(~~methyl methacrylate~~-b-styrene-b-methyl methacrylate-b-tert-butyl acrylate) triblock polymer in a yield of 32%. GPC analysis revealed Mn 16110 and PD=1.27.